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Muchkund

Marathi:

Botanical name:

Synonyms:

Family:

Common name:

Description:

Koranti

Barleria prionitis

Barleria appressa, Barleria coriacea, Barleria spicata.

Acanthaceae

Porcupine Flower

Porcupine flower is an erect, prickly shrub, usually single-stemmed, growing to about 1.5 m tall. Spines are about 1.2 cm long. Leaves are up to 5-9 x 2.5-4 cm, elliptic, pointed, with a fine point, base wedge-shaped, sparsely puberulus, fringed with hairs on the margins, gland dotted beneath, leaf-stalk up to 2 cm. Orange-yellow flowers are borne in cymes in leaf-axils; bracts 2, 1.5 cm, oblong with a fine point at the tip. Outer sepals are 1.3 x 0.4 cm, inner 1.1 x 0.2 cm, fine-tipped, hairy. Flower tube is 2.5 cm, petals 2 cm obovate, filaments 1.3 cm, staminodes 2, remaining at the base of the flower tube. Ovary is 2.5 mm, style 2.5 cm. Porcupine flower is found in Tropical Africa and Asia.

Attributes :

Ras – Tikta, Madhur, Vipak – Madhur, Virya - Ushna

Guna – Laghu

Medicinal uses:

Vatarakta, Kandu, Visharoga, Kustha, Palitya, Khalitya, Granthi, Padadari, Kaphajkasa, Dantashula, Vatavyadhi. Reduces inflammation. Leaves are Applied for healing of ulcers. Urticaria. Boils and Lymphadenitis. A preparation of oil made from this Plant is used in greying of hair and ulcers. Juice of Leaves is applied for toothache. It increases vascular tone and is Therefore useful in blood disorders, gout, syphilis, anenorrhoea and bronchitis with expectoration especially in children. Juice of the leaves of white sahachar mixed with Viola odorata is useful in spermatorrhoea. Root powder is used for brushing the teeth in tooth ache. Decoction of the leaves is used as antipyretic.